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Letter from Jonathan Stone Whitney and Maggie Whitney, Brooklyn, New York, to Sarah Whitney, Watertown, Massachusetts, 1856 February 17

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At the hour from taking down a box
to stay, and there is some sort of flying
and this sheet may show some marks
of the same - but I assume you it was
free and clear, when George submitted
me with it too.

Yrs. A. S.
[1856]

Miss Sarah Whitney
Watertown
Mass.

Brooklyn Feb. 17 1856

Dear Aunt Sarah.

The weather has been very cold since I last wrote you. Sleighing all the times I go out every day with Addie to coast and we like the fun very much. Yesterday Addie and I went out to coast and I tumbled into the mud and when I got up I found that I was so dirty that I had to go right home. I did not like that fun very much because I could not go out again that day. Arthur has got one tooth and he is very well except that his head is very sore, he plays and laughs just the same as ever. I was very glad to get the mittens you sent me and I never go to school without them they are very good to make snowballs. Miss Bridges has gone to Salem to see her sister Eliza who is very ill. I was sorry to hear Hattie had a sore eye. I suppose Mary and Alice have very nice times coasting down the hills.

I want to come to Watertown very much but as it is winter I cannot come, you may see me next summer but I am not sure, I want to see you very much. The baby grows finely and now he can sit on the floor all alone. I suppose Willie Barnard if that is his name is a pretty large baby since I last saw him. Frank says he wants to see Hattie. I should like to see Mary Alice and Hattie and the barn again, Tell Mary that I have not forgotten that letter I promised to write her but I am waiting to receive one from her. Noddie goes to Sunday School and behaves very well. Noddie has had a very bad burn the way it happened was this it was early in the morning before either Noddie and Frank were dressed and Frank pushed Ned onto the hot stove and burned him very badly, but now it is well. Frank and Arthur have had bad burns too Give my love to all the folks, Noddie sends his love to all good bye from your affectionate niece Maggie Whitney

Dear Sarah

Maggie seems to have forgotten one thing - She should have asked you to come and make us a visit during the Spring months, which will soon be along - This remorseful winter cannot hold out forever, and on the first signs of approaching Spring, you must pack up and be off - If you cannot come, send Anne - This has been a beautiful winter 'to them as likes it' but to me, dreadfully old fashioned - plain and unceremonious - I shall be compelled to make a short voyage to the West Indies to get rid of a cough during the month of March, unless it should leave me before that time. Shall try to induce Edw^d to go along with me - If I were as young as I once was, I would go to Kansas - but having passed the 'hey day' of life, I leave that field of labor to other Missionaries. Should you ever have any weather, sunshine or South breeze to remind you of Spring, just drop us a line to say your coming. Affectionately John